

REMARKS:

Claims 1-32 are pending, of which 1-3, 5-22, 29 and 30 have been rejected, and 4, 23-28, 31, and 32 have been objected to. Claims 1-32 have been amended to correct informalities. Claims 4, 23, 31, and 32 have been rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner, under 35 U.S.C. 102, rejected Claim 1 as being anticipated by Ferraro (6,320,506). The Examiner also rejected Claim 1 as being anticipated by Crisafulli et al. (5,376,925). Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out that which the inventor feels is novel. Namely, claim 1 has been amended to include a multi-voltage input including a single input channel wherein the single input channel is adapted to connect to various power sources. This element of the claim is supported by paragraph 18 of the specification.

With this element, the instant invention is patentably novel from the invention of Ferraro, as the power source circuit of Ferraro (T1, D1, C1 of Fig. 3) is a simple rectifying transformer that adjusts and rectifies power arriving from a 120 volt alternating current source. The power source circuit, as taught by Ferraro, does not allow for the use of any other power source than that which has been disclosed.

Likewise, the instant invention is patentably novel from the invention of Crisafulli in that Crisafulli's item 52 of Figure 4 is nothing more than a potentiometer. As is well known in the art, a potentiometer is nothing more than a variable resistor. Crisafulli does not disclose that a simple variable resistor may be used as a multi-voltage input including a single channel adapted to connect to various power sources.

The Examiner rejected Claim 3 as being unpatentable over Ferraro (6,320,506) in view of Gilmartin et al. (5,406,129). However, neither Ferraro or Gilmartin teach the multi-voltage input including a single input channel adapted to connect to various power sources, as discussed above. Additionally, Gilmartin does not teach a lighted push-button test switch, but rather discloses a switch for activating a flashing light (Col. 1, lines 54-55). As such, the instant invention is not obvious with respect to Ferraro in view of Gilmartin.

Claims 2-3, 5-22, 29, and 30 depend from independent Claim 1, which the inventor believes to be patentable in its currently amended form. Claims 24-28 depend from independent claim 22, and claims 31 and 32 are independent. In view of the foregoing, the applicant believes that pending Claims 1-32 recite allowable subject matter and respectfully requests reconsideration of the

rejection. The applicant and his attorney thank the Examiner for the thorough examination of the application.

Please charge the fees for the two additional independent claims, the two-month petition for an extension of time provided herewith, and any additional costs, to our Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,



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